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1. The Grossenhain (N 52/A 01) airfield was observed between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. from the western edge with a visibility of about 10 km and a cloud base of 2,000 meters. The field was occupied by two types of jet fighters. The occupying unit was said to have arrived about 1 December 1949.

2. Description of aircraft (see Annex):

Type a: One turbine, intake aperture in nose, air exhaust under fuselage in line with trailing edge of wings. When engine started (observed several times) a short jet of fire emanated from the exhaust for a few seconds. At the same time a noise similar to that at the start of a wood gas generator was heard. Wings tapering, tips rounded. Single rudder assembly, elevator assembly dihedral. Covered landing gear probably retracting inward, nose wheel. Length of fuselage about 8 meters. Long, mounted two-man cockpit, beginning at leading edge of wings, seats in tandem. Antenna rod at right rear cockpit roof, pointing lateral to the rear. Pitot tube at right wing.

Type b: One turbine, intake aperture in nose, air exhaust at tail under pulled-up tail unit. At the start of the engine emanation of fire and noise as with type a. Wings in acute angle tapering to the rear, tips pointed. Landing gear and nose wheel as of type a. Length of fuselage about 8 meters. Nose far projecting, wings set almost in mid-fuselage, conspicuously slim fuselage, cockpit shorter and stubbier than of type a, beginning at leading edge of wings, possibly two seats in tandem. Radio rod and pitot tube set as at type a.

3. Eight jet fighters of type b and three of type a were parked at the western end of the about E-W runway. One jet fighter of type a was in the air and one of type b with damaged landing gear parked

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in front of the hangars. A fighter of type "A" first took off at 9 a.m. Up to 11:30 a.m. jet fighters of both types took off at intervals of 10 minutes. A plane used about two thirds of the runway for taking off and about three fourths for landing. The aircraft were towed by tractors from the hangars to the take-off point. There the tractors were parked, one behind each plane. Flying was still going on at 1 p.m.

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4. [REDACTED]

5. The radar set with seven dipoles was still on the northeastern edge of the field. A radio truck with extended antenna was standing south of the radar set at the used runway. Another motorized radio station was west of the field, near the flying lane.

6. Sentries were posted on the western edge of the field at intervals of about 80 meters. [REDACTED]

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7. The unit previously stationed at the field was now in Jueterbog (W 52/J 69) according to members of the old unit who had to do business in a Grossenhain fur shop. The passenger car [REDACTED] was parked in front of the shop.

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25X1 [REDACTED] Comment:

a. The presence of jet aircraft with the new fighter unit in Grossenhain is reported for the first time. The plane described in para 2a is apparently the MIG-9, a two-seat plane, which is presumably used for retraining pilots. The model designation of the swept-back-wing aircraft cannot be determined. All swept-back-wing aircraft types so far known have the cockpit forward of the leading edge of wings.

b. The report does not indicate whether the observed jet aircraft represent the total number of aircraft assigned to the Grossenhain air unit. According to other information, a total of 59 planes, apparently assigned to three regiments, was observed at the field.

c. According to para 3, the take-off distance is about 1,400 meters and the landing distance about 1,600 meters.

d. The existence of the radar set, mentioned in para 5, was confirmed by another report.\* This is apparently a radar set of the same type as observed in Alt Loebnitz in October 1949\*\*.

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f. The information in para 7 that the ground attack units previously stationed at the field were allegedly transferred to Jueterbog [REDACTED]

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1 Annex: Two Jet Fighter Types Observed at the Grossenhain Airfield

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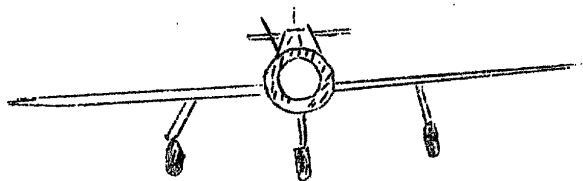
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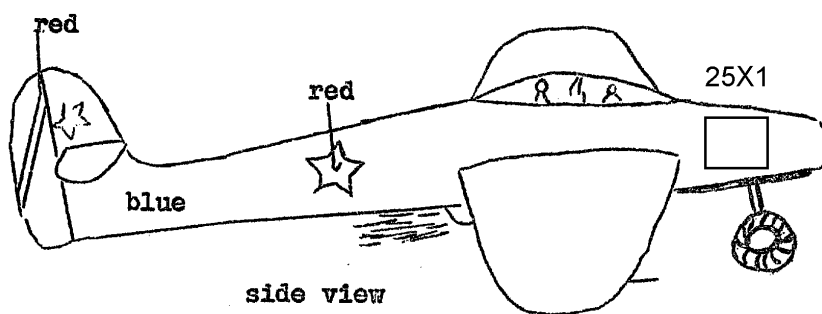
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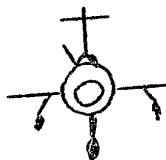
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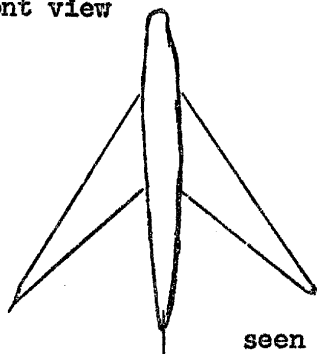


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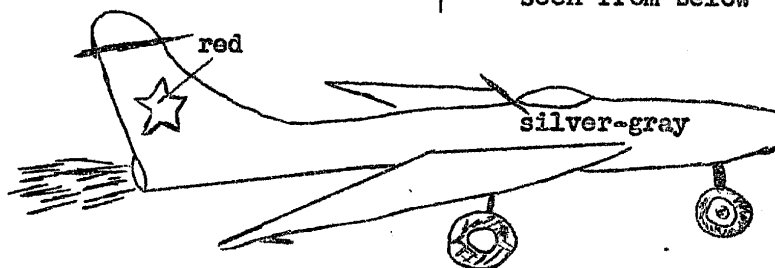
Jet fighter type b:



front view



seen from below



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